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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/751,949

Applicant(s)

KOCKMANN ET AL.

Examiner

YOUNG T. TSE

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 December 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 December 2000 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. Figure 1 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawing sheets are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: on page 2(line 30) and page 5 (line 9), "FIG. 4A-4D" should be -- FIGS. 4A-4D --; on page 6, line 2, Applicants are requested to update the serial No. 09/113,539, now U.S. Patent No. 6,259,722; on page 8, line 1, "514 of the handset 106" should be -- 506a of the handset 16 -- and line 11, "module 506 and 504" should be -- modules 508 and 508a --. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1, 5 and 9 recite the limitation "said frame" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 99/09678 (Applicants note the language in the WO 99/09678 is not in English, however, the corresponding US Patent No. 6,434,183 B1 claims the priority of the WO 99/09678, the explanation below is based on the US Patent No. 6,434,183 B1).

Kockmann et al. (US Patent No. 6,434,183 B1) discloses an arrangement in Figure 1 for digital communication of data between a fixed station 1 and mobile stations 2 and 3 at one of a plurality of carrier frequencies f_1 and f_2 . The data being transmitted in time slots in a frame from Z1-F24 is shown in Figure 2 and from Z1-Z12 is shown in Figures 3 and 4 using frequency hopping/time division multiplex method.

With respect to claims 1, 5 and 9, as shown in Figures 3 and 4, the active slots (shaded blocks) are identified in each frame of the time slots Z1-Z12 before the determining of the duration of the carrier frequencies of the active slots (column 5, lines 24-40 and 52-65).

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With respect to claims 2, 6 and 10, the total frame length takes 10 milliseconds for the fixed station or the mobile stations to transmit or receive (column 2, line 6 and column 5, lines 1-4).

With respect to claims 3, 7 and 11, each of the time slots having duration of 833 microseconds is discussed in column 6, lines 1-7.

With respect to claims 4 and 8, Although Kockmann does not explicitly show or suggest limiting a use of a particular carrier to less than 400 milliseconds every thirty seconds. The limitation of the particular carrier is standard and well known in a digital enhanced cordless telecommunication (DECT) as described on page 1, line 29 to page 2, line 9 of the instant application and in the description of the related art of Kockmann's patent.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Reference EP 0 767 551 A2 is related to a method at a digital radio communication system such as DECT which makes possible to increase the system with further frequency bands with retaining of the dynamic channel allocation and with possibility to at the same time, within the same time frame.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Young Tse** whose telephone number is **(703) 305-4736**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Jay Patel**, can be reached at **(703) 308-7728**.

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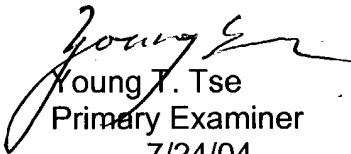
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